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In re the application of: William S. Somers et al.

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For: Crystal Structure of E. coli GDP-Fucose Synthetase (and Complexes Thereof) and Methods of Identifying Agonists and Antagonists Using Same

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph at page 1 as follows:

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--This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/096,452, filed August 13, 1998, and U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/373,432 filed on August 13, 1999, allowed. The contents of all of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 15-29.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the instant application. Claims 15-29 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-14 are currently pending.

Applicants submit herewith a "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made," which indicates the specific amendments made to the specification and the claims. No new matter has been added.

Any cancellation of the claims was done solely to expedite prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification

The first paragraph at page 1 has been amended as follows:

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